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Notice FC-74

For: State and County Offices and Ag Credit Teams

Administrative Offset of Accelerated Farm Credit Programs' Accounts and Delinquent Leases

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Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Credit Programs

1 Overview	
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Background	A recent audit completed by OIG determined that the Agency was not offsetting FSA payments made to accelerated direct Farm Credit Programs (FCP) borrowers.
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Purpose	This notice is being issued to require SED's to consider all accelerated FCP accounts for administrative offset, according to FmHA Instruction 1951-C. Delinquent leases of inventory property must also be considered for offset.
C National Office Contact	Direct questions regarding this notice to LSPMD, through the Area Office.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 1997	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and Ag Credit Teams

2 Action

A Administrative Offset of Accelerated Farm Credit Program Accounts

SED's will ensure that offsets are considered on all FSA program benefit payments to be made to a producer who has an accelerated direct FCP account or delinquent inventory property lease, according to FmHA Instruction 1951-C. Offsets will be taken according to 58-FI.

SED's will ensure that the 30-day notification period has expired before offseting payments. County Offices are not to withhold payments awaiting administative actions to perfect offsets.

B 1995 Deficiency Payment

SED's will ensure that 1995 overpayments are reduced from production flexibility contracts before offsets.